

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 13-98—HB 5811**

*Environment Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF VESSELS WITH  
ELECTRIC MOTORS ON INLAND WATERS OF THE STATE**

**SUMMARY:** This act allows certain people to operate electric motor boats without having a (1) safe boating certificate from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection or (2) valid operator license from the U.S. Coast Guard. It applies to anyone who operates a boat between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset with an electric motor rated at 106 pounds of thrust or less on inland Connecticut waters where motor boats exceeding 10 horsepower are prohibited.

The law prohibits a boat owner from knowingly letting a child under age 16 operate the boat unless the child has a safe boating certificate or is supervised by a person age 18 or older who has held a safe boating certificate for at least two years. The act waives this provision for a person operating an electric motor boat under the circumstances described above.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

OLR Tracking: JLK:KM:VR:RO